

**STATEWIDE INTEROPERABILITY GOVERNING BOARD  
(SIGB)  
MINUTES  
April 8, 2014**

**ATTENDEES:** Leo Dutton, MSPOA; Ron Baldwin, SCIO; Jeff Fisher, DMA; Larry Irwin, DOJ Alternate; Geoff Feiss, MTA; Mike Doto, MT VFA; Joe Briggs, MACO; Rhonda Fenner, OIA Alternate

**CONFERENCE CALL:** Kevin Myhre, MLCT; Erin Lutts, MITS; Jayne Rogers, MEMSA; Roger Nasset, MACOP; Patrick Lonergan; MFCA

**GUESTS:** Quinn Ness, SWIC; Warren Dupuis, SPOC; Ed Shindoll, Broadwater Co; Jim Smith, MSPOA; Dan Sullivan, PSCB; Charlie Gilmore, LCSO; Chad Hultin, PSCB; Wing Spooner, PSCB; Shantil Siperas, MACO Alternate; Jim Detienne, DPHHS

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 1:30 pm by Leo Dutton, SIGB Chair.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Joe Briggs moved to accept the March minutes and Jeff Fisher seconded. The motion passed.

**STATUS REPORT-Nationwide Public Safety Broadband Network (NPSBN)**

Warren Dupuis provided updates on the U.S. DOC/NTIA SLIGP workshop held in Arizona on March 11, 2014:

- FirstNet's Singular Focus: Shall hold the single public safety wireless license and take all actions necessary to ensure the deployment, and operation of the NPSBN.
- FirstNet may support:
  - Communication
  - Applications
  - Services
  - Capabilities
- FirstNet's Strategic Roadmap updates:
  - A draft of a detailed program roadmap has been completed.
  - A number of models in assessing a path to sustainability have been evaluated.
  - Based on what is known today, multiple paths to a sustainable business plan have been identified.
- FirstNet's Roadmap Overview:
  - For the last 90 days, significant focus has been on defining the FirstNet roadmap.
  - The roadmap involves many interrelated activities and dependencies that can support business planning.
  - In-depth efforts are underway to review long term planning needs and analysis of steps required to successfully deploy the NPSBN.
  - Detailed planning efforts are underway on how public safety input and interaction will help shape the network.
- Warren provided explanation on the following:
  - Overview of the Strategic Planning Process.
  - First Responder Network Authority (listing the Board of Directors, General and Deputy Managers and Offices & Divisions).

- The SIGB will become more involved in the near future.
- Still waiting on a great deal of information including Outreach Team information, Outreach Objectives and State Outreach Tactics.
- Once Outreach materials are received from FirstNet, this information will become available to the SIGB.

Warren addressed the Preliminary Consultation & State Plan Process flow chart and explained current consultation processes and what to expect in the future:

- FirstNet should provide the Initial Consultation Checklist by April 30th.
- In the meantime, a *draft* Consultation Checklist was provided with five key components/requirements:
  - An updated membership list of the Governance Body.
  - In addition to the SPOC, what other attendees will be required?
  - Scheduling of dates for the initial consultation.
  - Wireless Contract Vehicles
  - Outreach plan and a detailed method for education, outreach and training.
- Warren also mentioned that the National Telecommunications & Information Administration (NTIA) has been engaged in a parallel project to map broadband coverage in Montana.

Current flowchart processes and future endeavors include:

- Complete Initial Consultation (Process, Users, Coverage, Outreach)
- Data Collection (SLIGP Phase II is currently at this point).
- Identify Public and Private Assets.
- Intermediate design process to begin in 2015.
- Review by SIGB before going into FirstNet's final state plan.
- Deployment date of the NPSBN.
- Deployment of the Radio Access Network (RAN).
- State RAN Design Process: 1, 2, 3
- State operations key steps.
- Final State Plan developed and provided by FirstNet.

## **STATUS REPORT – Statewide Trunked LMR System(s)**

Quinn Ness reported on the following updates:

Remaining State Funding Priorities:

- Options for funding the remaining 4 MW hops that are required to complete the statewide backbone include: federal, state and local funds; including local use of state 9-1-1 Funds.
  - Only state funding is currently available.
- Since last month's status briefing the Hysham communication site has been completed and closed out by the DOJ/MHP.
- Funding requirements for the System Administrator position (Roger Smith) has been identified in the amount of \$125,000 annually.
  - Lewis & Clark County has submitted a request for DHS grant funding to DMA/DES. Grant awards should be made in the fall of 2014, therefore a contingency plan is to commit and use remaining state funding if DHS grant funds are not secured.
- The priorities for completing the four remaining MW hops are in order: Pompey's Pillar to Hysham; Hysham to North Forsyth; North Forsyth to Hathaway.
- Charlie Gilmore, Lewis and Clark County, also stated that funds are also required to complete a key management facility/server for the Helena master site in the amount of \$170,000.
- Currently available funding options include 2007 HB4 State Appropriations:
  - Appropriation #1: Legislature approved a total of \$3.5 million; current remaining balance of \$176,000.

- Appropriation #2: Legislature approved a total of \$4.595 million; current remaining balance of \$137,000.

The SIGB provided the following recommended priorities to the Department of Administration for the 2007 HB4 remaining funds:

- 1) System Administrator position- commit the remaining balance from Appropriation #2 (\$137,000),
- 2) Pompeys Pillar to Hysham MW and Hysham to North Forsyth - commit and obligate the remaining balance from Appropriation #1 (\$176,000); DOJ/MHP will receive the funding and engage as the project manager.
- 3) The key management facility – Identify other funding sources (ex: DHS grant funding).

#### **LMR SYSTEM STATE FUNDING 2013 HB10 APPROPRIATIONS:**

- The 2013 Legislature approved \$3 million in HB10 for statewide trunked LMR system(s) maintenance; no funding was approved for the continued build-out of the trunked LMR system(s).
- All funds have been committed, obligated or expended; therefore no funding is currently available for other projects.
- Need to work with statewide trunked LMR system(s) owners/operators to identify what the requirements are for telecommunications circuit leases for transport redundancy.

#### 9-1-1 Advisory Council:

- Overview of Montana Code Annotated 10-4-102;
- DOA Order for the current 9-1-1 Advisory Council expires May 1, 2014;
- DOA is requesting a recommendation from the SIGB for continuing the Council
- Several Courses of Action:
  - Continue 9-1-1 Advisory Council
  - Include the 9-1-1 Advisory Council as a Working Group under the SIGB
- Kevin Myhre expressed a concern as to how this would affect jurisdiction funding.

**MOTION:** Larry Irwin moved to recommend to the Department of Administration that the 9-1-1 Advisory Council and SIGB be combined; the 9-1-1 Advisory Council would become a Working Group under the SIGB; and the SIGB would assume the role and responsibilities of the 9-1-1 Advisory Council. Joe Briggs seconded. Motion passed. Kevin Myhre voted “nay” as he wants to see a plan before he would support this.

**MOTION:** Kevin Myhre moved to request that the 9-1-1 Advisory Council hold a final meeting to provide for a discussion of moving the 9-1-1 Advisory Council under the SIGB. Leo Dutton seconded. Motion passed.

Attorney General’s Advisory Council: Quinn Ness announced that he has been invited to the Attorney General’s Advisory Council’s April 17 meeting to provide a briefing on the statewide trunked LRM system(s). He requested guidance and input from the SIGB.

Statewide Communications Interoperability Plan (SCIP): A draft will be provided to the board prior to the next meeting for review and discussion by the SIGB.

**LEGISLATIVE PLANNING SESSION:** Tabled in Tom Butler’s absence.

**ADJOURN:** Meeting adjourned at 3:10 pm. The next meeting is Tuesday, May 13<sup>th</sup> in Capitol Room 152.